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SUBJECT:TEXTILES/WOOL SUITS.

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1. REFTELS SUMMARIZE SUBSTANCE OF INITIAL MEETING FEB. 14
BETWEEN YUGOSLAV ACTING E/C COUNSELOR KULISIC AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO
DISCUSS YUGOSLAV EXPORTS OF WOOL SUITS. ON MARCH 15,
KULISIC CALLED AT DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EXPORT INFORMATION
WHICH HE HAD OBTAINED IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST; HE
STATED THAT YUGOSLAV EXPORTERS ANTICIPATED (ON THE BASIS
OF ORDERS) SHIPPING 97,000 M AND B WOOL SUITS DURING 1978
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AND FELT (ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOOD CUSTOMERS)
THAT 155,000 SUITS COULD BE SHIPPED DURING 1979. KULISIC
NOTED THAT YUGOSLAV EXPORT FIGURES FOR 1976 SHOWED 45,000
SUITS EXPORTED WHILE US IMPORT FIGURES FOR SAME PERIOD
SHOWED ONLY 22,000 SUITS. US SIDE ASKED KULISIC TO
PROVIDE MONTHLY EXPORT FIGURES FOR 1976, TO HELP DETERMINE
REASON FOR DISCREPANCY. KULISIC AGREED TO SEEK THIS

INFORMATION.

2. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION APRIL 5, DEPT OFF TOLD KULISIC THAT GENERAL VIEW AMONG INTERESTED AGENCIES WAS THAT ANTICIPATED YUGOSLAV EXPORTS OF WOOL SUITS DURING 1978 AND 1979 SEEMED HIGH. ACCORDINGLY, US WISHED TO SET DATE FOR CONSULTATIONS REQUESTED IN FEBRUARY, AND SUGGESTED THEY BE HELD IN WASHINGTON DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL, WITH PREFERENCE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 17. DEPTOFF ESTIMATED THAT THREE DAYS WOULD PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENT TO REACH MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION. KULISIC RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD INFORM BELGRADE OF REQUEST; HE FELT THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS TO BE HERE BY WEEK OF APRIL 17 BUT THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE.

3. DEPT WILL CONFIRM REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS BY LETTER TO KULISIC. VANCE

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